

# The Darkside of the Brightside -Ruby Gloom-

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## Prolog: Welcome to the Darkside of the brightside

Chapter 1: Welcome to the dark side, of the bright side

Skull Boy's POV:

The streets of Gloomsville were quiet as the nine of us walked them, we all just needed to clear our minds. But the walk was cut short when we heard a crack of thunder overhead. All heads turned to Misery who had storms follow her on a daily basis, but she merely just shrugged not knowing where this storm came from. The clouds opened up and the rain pored down on us, and we couldn't run back to the house because every time one of us took a step forward or back lightning would strike that place. A large bolt of lightning struck just in front of me forcing me to close my eyes.

I could feel the heat in the tiniest of the bolt as it hit the ground in front of me and it seemed to last for eternity. When the heat died down I reopened my eyes only to meet another bright light only this one was different. There were two of them and they were moving towards me at a pretty good clip. When they were close enough I could see that they were coming from some type of machine on wheels and that a noise like that of some type of animal accompanied it. The machine wasn't stopping and the noise was becoming more frequent and louder. It was unlike anything I had ever seen before, I didn't know what to do. When it was right on top of me I forced myself to fall apart and my head just barely missed the two poles that I think held the wheels on. When it passed I pulled myself together and adjusted my head so it would fit on my neck a bit better before taking in my surroundings.

The ground I was like some kind of like a street or road but nothing like that of Gloomsville, these roads were smooth, hard and black and had a yellow line going through the middle. Then there were these odd poles sticking out of the ground like street lamps but they curved at the top and there weren't any candles, the light was coming from seemingly nowhere.

As I looked around I heard something coming down the road, looking over and I saw another one of those light boxes on wheels. This one had more lights on it that flashed red and blue it was also smaller and white unlike the other one and it made much more noise. It stopped about three feet in front of me and two metal panels came out from the sides. I backed up a bit when I saw two humans dressed all in a dark blue stepped out.

"Okay what are you doing in the middle of the freeway, kid" one of the humans asked as he walked right to me "trying to run some trucks off the road, that's how you get your kicks!" I had no idea what he was talking about but when I tried to say that he took my hand and started dragging me towards the white light box. "You're coming with us back to the station where you're going to take off the mask and we're going to call your parents." I was a little confused by how I was going to take off a mask I wasn't wearing and how he was going to call my parents when I had none but I didn't say anything as I struggled to get free. I did manage to get free at the cost of my hand coming off and I quickly focused on getting my hand free after that. It was one of the best things about being a skeleton being able to move body parts that weren't attached but it had its downsides like being able to fall apart easily. The human soon realized that all he was holding was my hand and when he saw it moving he turned around and threw it back at me with a yelp, though I think he would have done that anyway. I winced a bit at the pain that

came when my hand collided my head, then bent down and attached my hand back to my wrist.

"What Hell Is That Thing!" the Human yelled as he pointed at me. I was a little insulted the way he said 'that thing'.

"I'm not sure, here let me try something" said the other as he got to his knees and held out an arm and started rubbing his thumb over his middle and index figure "Hey there little guy, aren't you adorable" he started, as he slowly crawled over to me, talking in the same babyish way. I rolled my eyes at this Human for making a fool out of himself. What did he think I was a cat. I crossed my arms over my chest and gave the man a look that screamed annoyance.

"Watch it Jeff that things got an attitude." the other human called out.

"don't worry it harmless" the human in front of me yelled back as he stood up. When he stood I was only came up half way up his chest. He turned back to me and placed a hand on my skull. "see little guy we're not going to hurt you" he said but a stranger putting their had on my skull was a wrong move in my books whether you mean harm or not. I grabbed a hold of his wrist and bit down hard on his hand until blood started to flow. The human pulled a way as he screamed in pain and backed away, the other human pulled out some sort of machine and pointed it at me. I tried to get a better look at it but it was all black and hard to see. As I toke a step close to see what it was but a load BANG! Sound and then the next thing I knew was that my arm hurt and I couldn't move it.

"Don't move any closer or I'll shoot agene" the one with the machine in his hand yelled.

I looked around quickly looked around for some place to run to but the only place was be hide the humans. I then figure that it was harder for the human to hit moving target then one standing still. I started to run as fast could as shrivel bangs sounded from the barrel of the machine but I didn't get this time. I was as far I could get away from the humans and their light box on wheels but there was now something large and noisy flying over my but I wasn't going to stop and look at it. I soon reached the town or city as it seemed to be, and gave sigh of relief but it turned into a gasp of pain, my left arm the arm that was hit was starting to throb. I had to loss that thing flying over me. I duck into alleyway and tripped into a pile of boxes but they seemed to hide my from the flying thing since just kept going. I stood back up and placed my right hand over my wound, feeling the thick ooze of marrow run down it.

"I'm alright" I whispered to myself "I need to fine the other" I turned around and walked out of alley and down the streets.

I must have been walking for hours and still no sign of any of my friends just a bunch of people staring at me. Hadn't they ever seen a skeleton before this was one weird place. But I really didn't have the energy to say any thing about. I rounded another corner and caught sight of bright red hair and yellow and red stockings. A Smile sped across my jaw line as I tried to call out the girl's name but my voice wasn't working. Slowly I made my way over to then and I saw more and more my friends. Iris, Misery, Poe, Scaredy, Doom, Frank and Len but I forced on the red head. I was right be hide her and was surprised that no one had seen me yet, I tried to move my hand away from my wound arm but it wouldn't move, I had to get my voice to work.

"Ruby" I whispered, it was quite but when I seen here jump that little bit I knew she herd me.

"Skull Boy" I herd her gasp, I smiled agene and started to pass out but Frank and Len came to my aid placing my arms over there necks, those when Len toke my left arm I

hissed in pain.

"Dude, what happened" Len asked staring at the dark red ooze on his handed.

"Not sure, it happened so fast" I answered then pulled my self out of the odd position the brothers had me in. "but I'm fine" I didn't really prove my point when I started to stumble as I started walking over towards Ruby.

"No your not" Ruby cried as she grabbed my shoulder to help stabilized me. "your hurt and you can barley walk, let us help." I looked into her worried eyes and nodded slowly.

Frank and Len then stepped in front of me with their back facing me then they bent down. "take a forum hold of my shoulder and let us do the rest." Frank stated and I did as I was told, not in the mood to fight with them. Panic started to flowed through me when the two grabbed my legs, hosting my on to their back. I hated being carried.

"Where to now?" Len asked.

# Kapitel 1: There's No Place Like Home, But This Place Will Do For Now

Chapter 2: There's No Place Like Home, But This Place Will Do For Now

Ruby's POV:

I had no real idea where we were but I knew that we had to get somewhere safe and fast. Nine of us walked down the unfamiliar street in silence looking for some place to rest. Well it was really just eight of us walking since Frank and Len were carrying Skull Boy, who I have to say wasn't really enjoying it.

As we walked I noticed the people staring at us oddly a few even screamed, it was strange and it was making me a little nervous.

"Guys we need to find a place to stay" I stated as I turned around to face everyone.

"Ruby's right" Skull Boy added weakly "I don't think we're in the dark side any more, and we're really sticking out." I had to agree with what he was saying because it made sense, unlike the dark side there wasn't a ghost or ghoul or any sign of un-dead.

"But where do we go?" Iris asked loudly as we continued walk.

"I'm not sure, we just have to keep walking until we find somewhere" I answered trying to stay on the bright side of the dark side of things. We walked in silences for a few hours before I tried to strike up a conversation "so Skull Boy how's your arm?" I asked but didn't get a response "Skull Boy?" I looked back at Frank and Len hoping nothing bad had happen.

"I think he's out, Ruby" Frank called over to me.

"Ya, his eye are closed and everything" Len add.

"that can't be good" Said Misery.

"I'm Still wake guys, I just have my eyes closed" Skull Boy haft yelled "and to answer your question Ruby it's still hurts" he sounded a little angry.

I slowed down my pace a bit until I was just be hide Frank and Len "Oh"

I herd a soft sigh and a weak "sorry"

I looked over at Skull Boy in confection what was he apologizing for? "for what?" I asked.

"I didn't mean to get angry, I'm sorry" he answered softly,

I smiled a little "it's okay. You sound like your in a lot of pain"

"Hey Guys!" Iris called from the front of the ground.

"what is it Iris?" I asked as I walked up to her, everyone else had stopped.

"that house looks a banded" she answered pointing to an old house across the street.

It really did look rundown, it practical falling apart. On the door was a piece of paper. We ran across the street careful to avoid the horseless charges, once there we toke the paper off the door and realized it was a note and read it:

To whom that maybe reading:

If you require a place to stay, for a month or two

you are welcome to stay here. Feel free to use everything inside is

At your disposal. I'll pay for everything don't worry.

This place may look like a dump but the electric works and the frig

Is well stocked and the cabal is paid off.

All I asked is that you clean the house when you leave.

-your friend

Ps- the keys under the mat.

I finished reading then note and smiled as I grabbed the key from under the mat. "Common guys the note says that we're welcome to stay here" I said looking back at the others and put the key in the door knob. The Door swung open revealing cozy insides, well it really wasn't all that cozy it was more of hunted house cozy which was kinda the way we liked it. Everyone walked in and looked around. Frank and Len placed Skull Boy on a chair in the kitchen then went off exploring. Well more like they dropped a haft conscious skeleton in the hall and went off exploring well I helped Skull Boy into a chair in the kitchen. I was a little surprised when he didn't fall apart when he hit the floor, I'd have to ask him later. I dug around looking for some sort of first aid kit as Skull Boy removed his shirt. finally I found the red and white box that was meant for first aid, I walked over to the table and one it up and pulled out a roll of bandages before walking over to the now shirtless skeletons in the chair. I bit the inside of my cheek to keep myself from blushing as I examined his wound, dark red oozy ran down a small hole in Skull boy's arm as it hung limp but there was also something black plugging the hole. I put the roll of bandages down so I could get tweezers out of the box. I placed the tweezers on the small object that was imbedded in to the arm of my friend and once I knew I had a firm grip on it I gave slight pull and Skull Boy gave a yelp of pain. His hand shot out and grabbed my shoulder and squeezed it.

"Sorry, But I have to get it out" I said and Skull Boy nodded, his grip on my arm loosened but he didn't let go. I gave the little black object one more pull and Skull Boy's grip tightened and finally it came out leaving a small hole in it's place where the dark red oozy known as marrow started to flow out. I grabbed a cloth and wiped it a way before putting a bit of Iodine on the wound causing Skull Boy's grip to tighten agene, then I rapped it in three layers of bandages. "There done"

"Thanks Ruby," Skull Boy replied looking a bit livelier.

I looked at the small black object to see what it was by it just looked like a rock to me. I throw it in the garbage and turned back to the Skeleton in the chair, he had bothered to put his shirt back on.

"You going to be okay?" I asked as I started to put the first aid kit back to where I found it.

"ya I'll be fine" he answered as he started to stretch to get the clinks out of his bones. I could here every snap and pop his back made as his verity went back into there right full place in his spine. "I've got a bit of the feeling back into my arm agene."

"that's good" I replied "common lets go see what the others are doing."

The two of us walked into the living room which was a little cramped then what we where use to especial since the nine of us in there at once. There was small box up against the far wall that glowed a bit and showed moving pictures. Kinda like the radio back home did.

"tonight no the news: odd appearances, two head teen, one eyed girls and walking skeletons. We've got footage of these happenings and an interview with a person who says that they where bitten by a skeleton."

I looked over a Skull Boy and saw a bit of dry blood on his chin, and I knew that the person on the box was talking about us.

"this isn't good." Skull Boy pointed out.

## Kapitel 2: Making the News is A Bad Thing

### Chapter 3: Making the News is A Bad Thing

#### Doom's POV

I was seated on the couch next to Iris as we watched the picture radio, what the woman on it was saying wasn't good.

Woman: "there have been many strange Happening tonight, people have been reporting sighting of a two headed what seems to be a teen age boy with blue and green skin, and a girl with one eye in the middle of her head, and we have an interview with a man who claims he was bitten by a skeleton. Steve Murphy has more on this." the screen then move so that a husky man was now in the middle.

Steve Murphy: "Thank you Dianna. These sighting started about two hours ago after an odd lightning storm, where a young man with supposedly two head was spotted in the park,"

"their talked about us Len" Frank said with a smile on his face

"Ya but why did they say young man? Where to different people" Len added, didn't these two get that this was bad.

Steve Murphy:" the second sighting was of a young girl running down the middle of the street with only one eye, and now we have an interview this an officer who says at he was bitten by a Skeleton."

Another screen popped up making the other screen small so that they each toke up the haft the screen. This one also had a man in it only he was fairly thin and wear dark blue.

Officer: "well me and my partner had just gotten a call from a trucker who had said the he thought he hit some kid who was standing in the middle of the freeway, we drove over the spot the trucker had said and that's when we saw it. At first we thought it was some kid in a mask, but when my partner when over a started dragging it over to the car it started to struggle then it's hand just can off like that, my partner throw the hand back at it hitting in the head and started panicking. I got down on my knees and moved over to it saying that we didn't mean it no harm, I should have pulled back when the thing sent a glare my way, anyway I put my hand on it's head the it grabs me and Bites me. I pull back and my partner puts a bullet in it's arm, bet that's the last time it tries to eat a human. Then it starts runnin towards the city."

The second screen Disappered causing the other to get bigger. the man at the desk was then replaced by a film of my skeleton friend running down the street and into the city, and it was obverse that he was injured from the bullet in his arm.

Steve Murphy: "This some footage that our news copter caught just after this happening"

I looked up and over at Skull Boy, he wasn't wearing his shirt but still held it in his hand, his upper left arm was bandage up and he had just a little bit of dry blood on his bottom jaw. He started to walk away from the living room, moving with out a sound, probe wished to get out of the room before he was asked a bunch of question. It wouldn't be the first time he did so. Well he's not the only one who can move without being noticed. I jumped down off the couch and started to follow him. It wasn't long before he noticed I was there, I'm must be losing my touch or he was getting better. Then agene not many could take either of us by surprise only if where both really distracted.

"Oh hey Doom" He said turning to me as he opened a door the closed it "I'm just looking for the bathroom."

It was odd for him to be looking for the bathroom other then when he was brushing his teeth or having a shower.

"I need to get the tasted of that human off my tongue. That and I don't really want to answer any question that I know well come my way." I stated get the look I was giving him.

The two of us walked down the hall opening doors until we finally got to the bathroom. Skull Boy entered and Closed the door be hide him. I walked away going back to the living room, now that I knew what the skeleton was up to I was going to find out what everyone else was doing.

I knew Frank and Len, Poe and Scaredy where in the kitchen, and Ruby, Iris and Misery where still in the living room making some sort of battle plan for traveling around in this world.

"okay so I think it's a good Idea if only Misery, Doom, Scaredy, Poe and I travel around outside since we weren't seen" Ruby suggested, it was a good Idea to say the least.

"I agreed with Ruby" Misery said.

"That's no fair I want to explore" Iris argued.

"Iris you where spotted, it might put us all in danger if you where seen agene." Ruby tried to explain why she shouldn't go out. "Besides you'll have Skull Boy and Frank and Len to keep you company."

"if you say so, Ruby" Iris sighed.

"well tell the others tomorrow morning."

It's wasn't long after until I herd the dull thump of bone on wood. Skull Boy was coming from the bathroom and it sounded like he had taken his shoes off. He either wasn't not truly focused on being quit or he really didn't care if people herd him or not.

I looked over at Ruby, who's face was beat red. She must have also herd Skull Boy coming down the hall.

I thought it was funny that they both had a crush on each other and NO ONE but me knew about it, well I think Frank and Len might know about Ruby's crush on Skull Boy, but I know that I'm the only one who knows about Skull Boy's crush on Ruby. I'm look at the way he acts around her, he gets vary shy and some times trips over his own words, he's move confided when he knows he has her backing him up, the boy nearly fainted during Poe's version of Romeo and Joliet, Oh and don't forget the look of pure horror on his face when Ruby said she would pose beside the Luna Monster. She probe would not have come running back to the house if she knew that Skull Boy would have slain the beast if it even looked at her the wrong way.

Any-who, Skull Boy walked in to the room when Ruby finally got the bush off her face.

"So what's the game plan?" Skull Boy asked causally, trying to use as few words as possibly ah, don't want to trip and stubble over them do we.

"Ah.. We all should get some rest, we'll fill everyone in tomorrow" Ruby answered, good one Ruby can't tell your uneasy at all. Man, she's been like that ever since she toke that thing from Skull Boys arm.

## Kapitel 3: Iris's night out

Chapter 4: Iris's night out  
Doom Kitty's POV:

Okay the next night, Ruby and Misery went out to try and gather more information about this place, Scaredy and Poe where out for a midnight flight much to Scaredy's dismay, Iris was moping around somewhere about how it was so boring here, and Frank, Len, Skull Boy and I where watching some show called Bones.

Okay at first it stated out with Frank and Len just flipping channels on the Video Ratio and Skull Boy and I just sitting on the couch watching them, when they found a Crime show called Bones. Thinking it was a show everyone would enjoy they put it on. Everyone was enjoying it until they brought the skeleton they found into the lab and well, Skull Boy looked like he was watching the scarcest show on earth, and I think for him it was.

A haft an hour later the door opened then closed, I got up to greet Ruby and Misery as they where getting in the door but was superseded to see that no one had come in. I ran in to the kitchen and jumped into the window seeing someone moving away from the house. That someone was Iris.

I raced back into the living room and jumped up onto Skull Boy's lap and snapped him in the 'nose' to get his attention.

"ow" he hissed as my tail hit him in the face "What's the matter Doom?" he asked. I did my best to acted out what I wanted to say.

"Iris is what?" the skeleton asked looking a little confused.

I repeated the last action of going through a door.

"IRIS IS OUTSIDE!" Skull Boy cried out in a panic as he quickly stood up and knocked me off his lap. Frank and Len stood as well. The four of us raced for the door and in our hurry nearly ripped it off the hinges as we where nearing the end of the yard Skull Boy yelled out "Stick to the Shadows, we can't afforded to be caught."

I acted out that one of us should stay behind and Skull Boy translated it for the others. Frank and Len stayed back at the house well Skull Boy and I went down. We stuck to the shadows and only entered into the light if there was no other way.

After an hour of searching the two of us made our was to the city and toke to the roof tops, not willing of taking the chance of being spotted. It didn't surprise at how agile my Skeleton team-mate was and how easy it was for him to jump from roof to roof sometime even carrying me. It didn't take us long until we found Ruby and Misery.

"Doom, go get Ruby and Misery" Skull Boy said as he jumped down into an ally way, and set me down on the ground.

I ran around the corner and walked up to Ruby, mewing to get her attention.

"Doom. What are you doing here?" Ruby asked as she looked down at me. I then ran back over to the alley where Skull Boy was waiting as Ruby and Misery fallowed me. As Ruby entered the darkness of the alleyway a bony hand reach out and grabbed her by the shoulder. Ruby almost screamed out of surprise when another hand covered here mouth.

"Ruby calm down it just me" Skull Boy whispered into her ear, man was she lucky it was so dark in this alleyway because she was as red as her hair.

Skull Boy stepped in front of her and put a hand on her hand "Ruby are you feeling alright? Your face is really red." He stated with a look of worry on his face. I guess we all forgot that he can see in the dark.

"I-I'm fine" Ruby stuttered "wh-why are you out here?"

"Iris ran outside the house, and we need you and Misery to help find her" Skull Boy said all in one breath.

"WHAT?!" both Ruby and Misery screamed.

"Iris is outside"

"we've got to find her" Misery cried out, drawing a bit of attention to us.

"we need a plan" Skull Boy added, his voice just above a whisper.

Ruby thought for a minute, then looked over at Skull Boy with a worried look. "Okay, here's the plan. Skull Boy you go back to the house with Frank and Len well Misery Doom and I search Iris"

Now normal everyone goes along with Ruby's plan's, But this time one person just wasn't going to leave. "No way Ruby I'm staying" Skull Boy cut in. now it have been the fact that Ruby wanted to take over what was originally Skull Boy's mission or maybe it was the thought of being left in the same house as Frank and Len for who knows how long, but he just wasn't going to stand down.

"But Skull Boy you got hurt last time you where seen" Ruby agued, her feeling starting to get the better of her.

"ya and if these people see you with her then you're the one who get hurt" Skull Boy agued back.

"Ah Ruby..."

"But--"

"Skull Boy..."

"Okay, look if we can't find her by dawn then I'll head back"

"Guy's"

"what is it Misery?" Ruby asked as she turned to Misery who had been trying to get their attention.

"Iris wouldn't that hard to mind." Misery answered "she just ran up the street." it was true Iris had run up the street heading back towards the house well Skull Boy and Ruby agued, as rare as that is.

"Skull Boy fallow us on the roof, Misery, Doom and I will be on foot." Ruby quickly shouted out a new plan.

"Right" Skull Boy answered made his way back up to the roof tops.

The four of us fallowed Iris all the way back to the house. When we where finally inside, Ruby dragged Iris into the kitchen to talk about what she had done Skull Boy sat on the couch and I sat beside him.

I only hope that though teens that saw us just don't think to much on what they saw.

## Kapitel 4: undivided gussets

Chapter 5: undivided gussets

Skull Boy's POV:

The night Iris want outside the house was a long one, and I had hoped that the day would a little better, that night was easy compared to the fallowing day.

The day started petty boarding, Ruby was sitting in between the brothers and I as we watch some show called CSI, I called it revenge for making me watch that Bones last night. Anyway as the four of us sat on the couch with nothing much to do. When Iris came running in from the kitchen in a panic, we all turn to see what was going on but no one spoke up.

After five minutes of silent it was broken.

"what's wrong Iris?" Ruby asked the question that was on everyone's mind.

"there are three people coming this way" Iris cried in her panic "the keys still under the mat and the notes still on the door."

Everyone in the jumped at the same time when we herd the doorknob start to turn. These three people who ever they were, were coming in.

"EVERYONE HIED!" I yelled load enough so everyone in the house could hear. Everyone in house ran to find hiding spot, I'm not sure where everyone was hiding but Ruby and I hid in the same room. Ruby dove under the bed and I hide in the Closet. And before I continued I just want to say don't make any skeleton in the closets jokes I've herd them all from Frank and Len.

Anyway, I pressed my skull agenised the door as I straggled to hear what was going on the otherside of the door. I could hear footsteps coming towards the room Ruby and I where in, they where speaking to each other, but I could make out what. I had a small hope that it was one of the others coming to tell us that danger had pass, but I knew there was no chance. The door to the room opened and footsteps fallowed.

"why do I have to check out the creepy room as those to pig ride the figure." I female voice complained as she walked around the room. "sure I was the one who saw the red headed girl talking to a corpse. But way do I have to find them. Sigh. Well better check under the bed then the closet then I'm out of here."

I jumped a bit and the bones in my body started shack, she would find Ruby and then who knows what will happen. I needed to do something before it was to late. I would do anything to save Ruby, even if it meant jumping in front of a moving train.

The footsteps got closer to the bed, I had to think quickly. I pushed up against the door to make a sound that would draw attention to the closets. My plan worked, the girl in the room walked over to the closet and turned the knob. It was now time for the second part of my plan. As the door slowly opened I made myself go limp and fall to the floor in a heap.

The Girl screamed a scream of pure terror, it was a sound all skeletons know in our hearts. I was hoping that she run out of the house with her friends close behind, but no she was to scared. But her friends came running.

"What's wrong?" the larges male asked as he walked into the room.

The girl pointed at me, I was doing my best to stay still.

"Cool" the smallest of the three yell "I'm going to poke it with a stick."

My hided eye's almost shot open he said that but the girl smacked him.

"Have a little respect for the dead" the snapped girl. "it looks like a kid our age. What type of a monster would do this"

"Can I poke it now" okay what was up with this kid and poking me.

"NO! now go get a bag, we're going to take it to the police"

Great! Me and my bright ideas, I should have thought of something a little smarter. The girl picked me up and placed me in a black bag with all my bones. I'm not sure what happened next I was knocked out by my own foot.

When I woke, I was laying out flat on my back on a metal table. I listened for any sound then checked to see if all my bones were there, I went through each bone by moving each one slightly, luckily still had my jeans on. When I was done I sat up and took in my surroundings. It looked like some type lab. Panic went through my body as I realized that I was now nowhere near the others, and the fact the lab looked like the one on bones didn't help.

Just then I heard footsteps coming towards me and quickly lied back down on my back.

"well I guess we have to get this done." said the voice of a man.

"do believe that three kids found that thing that bit that officer and it right here in our lab" said another voice.

There was a buzzing sound that made me nervous for some reason, and I feel a hand on my left leg.

"lets just slice and dice" the first voice answered, that's when the pain came. I wanted to scream, I wanted to yell out the name of the one person who would help me, I wanted Ruby to take my hand and wake me from this nightmare. But I couldn't, Ruby wasn't here, this wasn't a dream. The buzzing sound stopped as a third voice cut in.

"what's going on here?" it asked sounding annoyed.

"it the creatures from two nights ago" answered the second voice.

"ya the police just got a call that there was a break enter at the same address this thing was found." the third voice explained and picked me up by the skull "this is a Halloween denotation, now fix this thing and get on to a real skeleton."

That was a little insulting but I was in too much pain to really care about what anyone was saying right now. The three humans left after duct taping my leg and I sat back up. My leg was killing me, but I had to get up and get out of here. I put little pressure on it as I made it over to the nearest door.

It was cooler outside than it was yesterday or maybe it was because I didn't shirt on. Slowly I made my way over to the wall of the alley and crumpled up next to a trash can, wishing everything was just a dream. Wish that I was with Ruby right now. Slowly I sank in to sleep.

## Kapitel 5: where am I?

Chapter 6: where am I?

Skull boy's POV

"Hey" there as a voice right in front of me and a hand on me shoulder "common wake up" a gentle shaking motion rocked me back and forth.

I growled in like of the rock. My head and leg pulsed with pain, I wished it was a in me head, but I knew it wasn't. The air was no longer cooled and the winds chill no longer nipped at my bones, the air was warm and there was no more wind.

"common wake up" there was that voice again, I also thought that it was Ruby speaking to me, but the voice was male.

Slowly I creped an eye open, things where burly at first like walking through a fog, but the mist soon cleared revealing three teenager standing around me all wearing black. I wasn't is the ally any more but a small room.

"hey are you okay?" asked the human on my right, she had short black hair and very narrow face.

"ya, I think I'm fine." I answered, I hoped that these people would not just take me farther away from my friends then I all ready was.

"that's good," the male on my left added, he had short blonde hair "cause this cut looks like it would really hurts." he said as rolled up my plant and showed me the slice that went to about the middle of the bone he then covered it with his hand. I held back the scream once again but a whimper escaped my mouth. The hand was quickly taken away and an apology give.

Then the male in front of me spoke.

"why where you in that ally?" he asked putting his hand on my shoulder again.

"it was the only place I could go" I answered looking him in his blue eyes. "I was seperated from my friends."

"then we'll help you find them" he said with a smile, he then turned to the male on my left "Jake put a splint on that leg and once he's done Kat you get new cloths on him, I don't want anyone to see his face" he said as he turned to the girl on my right. The two nodded and the one named Jake quickly went to work on make a splint for my leg.

"why are you doing this?" I asked him "all the other humans here have done is hurt me and my friends." I wanted to know why they where helping and how they going to get me back to Ruby and the others.

"we're just trying to help a stranger in need" he answered simply as he just bandaged the two pieces of wood to my wounded leg. He then helped over to the room the girl named Kat.

"so where do you live?" Kat asked my as she dug through a bag of cloths.

I didn't fully trust these people even if they where just trying to help, I wasn't about to tell them where Ruby could be found, and the others to.

"I don't remember, but I could find it on my own" I explained, giving her a bit of a glare.

"Have I your way I guess." she sighed "just don't get lost." she then pulled out a black hooded sweeter, a pair of baggy black pants and black shoes. "here put these on." I toke the cloth from her as she walked out of the room.

I looked at the cloths and sighed, "and Iris says I need more colour in my life" I quickly pulled sweeter on and changed my jeans, then put the shoes on. It felt bulky on thin frame and I couldn't help but wonder 'will Ruby even recognize me in this' but I didn't really have a choice, this was the only way of getting around with out being seen. I pulled the hood up and looked in the mirror across from me, it covered my face pretty well and it didn't look that bad, well other then the two large pieces of fabric that looked like cat ears on top on the hood. I folded my gray jeans and put them in a bag then limped out of the room.

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It had been two hours since I left to hide the three kids and started walking around the city alone. My leg still pained but less so then it was with out the splint. The three had given me a crutch before I left and I was thankful for it, people didn't bump in to me as much as the others around them. There where a few people who stopped and asked me why I had a hood up and I simply answered "My skin is very sensitive to the light." they bought it and I moved off quickly. But after two hours of walking, crutch or not my leg was starting to slowly me down. My vision started to burl again, and once again I wanted to cry out for Ruby. But I kept my mouth shut again. I leaned against a wall until the pain died down and my vision came back. A couple asked me if I was okay I said that I was find and I watched them walk away, I watched them go and silently hoped that ruby and I could be like at someday. I stood back up and continued to walk towards the house it was that far now, thing where starting to look like the area around there. About one minute later I could see the house.

## Kapitel 6: Skull Boy where are you.

Chapter 7: Skull Boy where are you.

Ruby's POV:

I was trembling, Skull Boy had been taken two days ago and it was because he was protecting me. The second those three kids left I call the police and reported a brake in, and I explained that a Halloween decoration that was very precise to me was stolen, one day last I was told that the three kids had been found, and the decoration or Skull Boy had been found. That day I ran as fast as my legs would carry me down to the police station only to find out that the so called 'item' had been misplaced. I held back my tears until I was back at the house and in room spaded room from the others, before I let the rivers fall down my face. Doom curled up next to me, looking up at me with questioning eyes.

"I should have told him earlier" I cried "back in the caves are home when we thought we were going to die."

Doom looked at me in a sad way, as if to comfort me.

The others knocked on the door asking if I was okay, I didn't answer the sadness my voice was oblivious and I didn't want the others to know my sadness.

I cried myself to sleep that night and dreamed of Skull Boy and I standing side by side. I was awake by Iris yelling about someone coming towards the house. I rusted out to the kitchen and looked out the window. There was someone coming as he or she was dressed all in black and had hood up, they also walking with a crutch.

"HIDE!" I yelled using Skull Boys Idea, everyone ran to hide but me I grabbed a knife and ran to the door waiting for the person on the otherside to open it. Skull Boy had taught me deafens move with a knife, it was simply away to tell the person attacking you that can fight.

The knob slowly turned and opened as the person began to walk in, once he was fully inside and the door closed, I ran him with the knife in my hand really to perform the move I was taught but with one quick movement of the persons hand he disarmed me and now held my wrist in his snow white hand.

"Ruby I told you that move is for deafens only" came a voice from under the hood. Tears started to form in my eyes again as I herd that voice, and without even thinking I ran up and pushed my lips against his, he seemed a little taken back but it wasn't long before he kissed back. He was a quick learner, after all.

I broke away to catch my breath and Look into Skull Boys eyes. Skull Boy pulled down his hood, the two moved in for another kiss when...

"Hey Guy it's Skull Boy he's back!" Iris yelled as she came running toward us. Skull Boy and I move apart both of us probity think 'damn it Iris'. she is my best friend but she can really come in at the wrong time.

Everyone come out of hiding and formed crowd around him, everyone giving him a huge or asking question, but the second I herd yelp of pain I was at his side.

"Guys, give him some space" I said as I held the skeleton to me.

Frank gave me a all knowing smile "we'll go in the living room Ruby, you take of Skull Boy" he said as he silences any questions that where about to be asked. Everyone moved to into the living room without question as I dragged Skull Boy up stand into the room I was in before he came in.

Skull Boy sat on the bed as I closed the door.

"so where dose it hurt?" I asked my face still red from the kiss.

"ah...I-it's my l-le-left leg" He answered his skull also turning a little pink.

I bent down and rolled his pant leg until I could see the sliced part of his leg that was held by splint. I gasped and looked back him.

"that must hurt" I muttered as I started to tremble "how have you been walking on that?"

"I try no to put to much presser on it, but it still hurts" Skull Boy answered me, but he refused to meet my eyes.

I stood and tipped his shoulder to get his attention so we where looking each other in the eyes.

"Skull Boy, I have something to tell you."

"ya, Same here Ruby"

"I...I ..lo-vvvvvve...yo..u" we both said that the same time. The two of us turned a bright red and looked away from each other.

Skull Boy looked out the window and saw it was starting to get dark. "it's almost dusk, I should head to my room" he said as started to get up and move towards the door, but I stopped him by pulling him in a hug.

"your not leaving my side until we're back in GloomsVille" I stated as I grabbed him and pulled him back to the bed. "Sit" I let him go pointed at the bed. He gave me strange look but did as he was told, normally I wouldn't order any of my friends around but I didn't want Skull Boy to leave get hurt anymore then he already was. I toke out a pack of playing cards and sat cross from him and started to duel them out.

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The two of us played for five striate hour until Skull Boy nodded off and I was left to clean up. I didn't mind at all, I was really glad that he fell asleep now I didn't have to watch him as closely. And I could also fall asleep. Once the cards where away I crawled in next to him and brushed my lips against the bone between his eyes before falling asleep.

## Kapitel 7: Home again

Chapter 8: Home again

Ruby's POV:

My eyes slowly creped open as my body and mind started to wake, and they where greeted by a site I haven't seen in what feels like years, I was in my room. At first I thought it was all just a dream until I herd a whistling sound, I looked beside me and saw Skull Boy sleeping beside me in that black cat eared sweeter. the air passing through his nose is what made sound. I smiled to my self as I looked down at him before I looked round the room. We where in my room in Gloomsville. I ran the information over and over in my head before it finally hit me.

"WE'RE HOME!" I cried in happiness, apparently it was load enough to wake the dead due to the fact that Skull Boy shot up out of his sleep.

"Ruby what's wrong? Where are we?" he asked as his Skull shot from side to side.

"SKULL BOY WHERE HOME" I stated as tears started to form in my eyes as I pulled Skull Boy into a hug that soon turned into a kiss that lasted for hours. We would brake apart every so often so I could breath, we where so consumed in our own little world that we did not hear the door open until we herd that taunting chant.

"Ruby and Skull Boy sitting in a tree K-I-S-S-I-N-G" the two of us turned and looked towards the doors only to see Iris, Misery and Frank and Len standing in the door way. It was Iris and Misery who where singing that foolish song.

Skull Boy lend over to me and whispered into my ear "if it means alone time I say lets go for it" I couldn't help but giggle at the comment.

"you guys know we're only joking" Misery said as and the others walked over to us.

"ya, where happy for you guys" Iris added as she fallowed Misery.

"Ya sorry if we walked in on something" Frank apologized but Len Didn't get it "what did why walkin on Frank?" Len asked as he checked the bottom of his shoes.

"It okay, guys" Skull boy replied as he slowly got up and slowly applied his wait on his right foot and hissed in pain "I should go see a doctor about my leg."

I jumped up and swung his arm over my shoulder "I'll help you there"

Skull Boy nodded and the two of us made are way out outside the house.

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I sat in the waiting room of the doctors office, I hated that place it was so depressing and I know I always say Look on the bright side, I couldn't help but feel the worst could happen. I knew I was being silly, so far Skull Boy had been able to walk on it, but it was only so long until the pain started to cloud his vision. Maybe that's why I was worried, or maybe it was the fact the he could lost his leg. I quickly shook my head and pushed the thought to the back of my mind. The door open and Skull Boy slowly limped out, I stood and ran over to him.

"So what did he say?" I asked him right away.

"well the hole in my arm is almost healed and there's nothing that they can do about my leg." he explained. Tears started to from in my eyes as I drew him into a hug " next week there going to put a steal plate over it so it doesn't get inflicted" I held him even closer, the tears started to over flow, Skull Boy must have seen then since quickly wiped them up "Ruby it nothing to cried about it'll be done and over with in five

minutes" he explained "so please Ruby no more tears, you should be happy where finally home"

I smiled, as usual he was right, I wiped what was left of my tears and nodded. Then the two of us turn and began to walk home. The smile on my face got wider as I thought of all the good things that happened. Skull Boy and I where now together, we got to see a new world and now where home.

I looked Up at Skull Boy and flipped up the hood of his sweeter and laugh as cat ears slumped forward.

Things couldn't get any better right now.